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SUBJECT: NICARAGUA: NAMES OF TOP INFLUENTIAL WOMEN

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[1](#)1. The following is in response to reftel A request for Nicaragua's top five most influential women representing government, politics, civil society, private sector, and media. We have also provided the names of other women who are making an impact on Nicaraguan society and could be of interest as post strengthens our own women's network that will contribute to the Secretary's continuing efforts to plan follow-on strategy sessions on women's empowerment with governments and civil society.

GOVERNMENT, POLITICS, SOCIETY
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[1](#)2. Rosario Murillo
First Lady of Nicaragua. Appointed by President Daniel Ortega to serve as the country's Director of Communications and Citizenry, was Ortega's campaign manager, and is a key influence with the FSLN Party (reftel B).
Constado de Oeste del Parque El Carmen
Phone: (505) 266-3791/268-6686
(Comment: Regarded as the most influential woman in Nicaragua by supporters and detractors alike. Named as one of the top "Women of Impact in 2006" by the pro-business/political news daily Bolsa de Noticias.)

GOVERNMENT, LAW ENFORCEMENT, SECURITY
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[1](#)3. Aminta Granera Sacasa
Chief of Nicaraguan National Police
Plaza El Sol
Managua, Nicaragua
Phone: (505)277-0106/277-0050
email: agranera@policia.gob.ni
(Comment: The second woman to rise to the highest ranks of the national police, has taken strong position against crime, narcotics trafficking, and organized crime. Named as one of top "Women of Impact in 2006" by Bolsa de Noticias))

POLITICS
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[1](#)4. Maria Eugenia Sequeira
Deputy to the National Assembly, Nicaraguan Liberal Alliance (ALN) Party
ALN-Contigua a Contraloria de la Republica
Managua, Nicaragua
Phone: (505)279-1321
e-mail: mesequeira@yahoo.com
(Comment: An outspoken and active member of the National Assembly reelected in November 2006, and serves as head of

ALN caucus (reftel C). From 2002-2006, she served on the National Assembly as member of the Liberal Constitutional Party (PLC). Named as one of top "Women of Impact in 2006" by Bolsa de Noticias)

MEDIA, POLITICS, CIVIL SOCIETY

¶5. Cristiana Chamorro

Journalist and Head of the Violeta Barrios de Chamorro Foundation

Plaza Espana,
Edificio Malaga, Modulo B-9
Managua, Nicaragua
phone: (505)268-6500

(Comment: The Chamorro Foundation is a pro-democracy organization dedicated to promoting press freedom. It is also involved in civil society programs, including gender initiatives. Ms. Chamorro, daughter of former President Violeta Chamorro, is highly regarded and well-known in political and media circles.)

PRIVATE SECTOR, CIVIL SOCIETY

¶6. Vivian Pellas

President and Founder of the Association for the Protection of Child Burn Victims (APROQUEN), an organization dedicated to providing free burn care for children

Camino de Oriente, Modulo J-7
Managua, Nicaragua
Phone: (505) 270-1220

(Comment: Received national acclaim as philanthropist and advocate for children.)

OTHER INFLUENTIAL WOMEN OF INTEREST AND IMPACT

We also suggest the following names for consideration:

¶7. Ruth Herrera

Executive President of the autonomous institute Water and Sewage Services Enterprise (ENACAL)

KM 5, Carretera Sur
Managua, Nicaragua
(505) 266-7896

(Comment: Served as former Coordinator of the National Consumers' Defense Network (RNDC), named as one of the top "Women of Impact in 2006" by Bolsa de Noticias)

¶8. Xiomara Chamorro

Political Editor of leading daily La Prensa, co-anchor of Channel 2 morning program "Primera Plana"

La Prensa
KM 4.5 Carretera Norte
Managua, Nicaragua
Phone: (505)255-6769

¶9. Azalia Aviles

President of the Conservative Party (PC)

Costado Sur, Antigua
Galeria Internacional
Managua, Nicaragua

(Comment: First woman president of the PC. Named as one of the top "Women of Impact in 2006" by Bolsa de Noticias.)

¶10. Lucy Valenti

Head of Nicaraguan Chamber of Tourism (CANATUR)

Reperto Los Robles
2do Piso Edificio Camara Espanola
Managua, Nicaragua
Phone: (505)268-6500

¶11. Maria Nelly Rivas

Phone: (505) 883-9900

(Comment: Former Executive Director for the Institute of Tourism, one of the youngest government officials to serve in this type of leadership capacity, and made an important impact in bringing international attention to Nicaragua's

tourism industry during her term in this position. Named as one of the top "Women of Impact in 2006" by Bolsa de Noticias)

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